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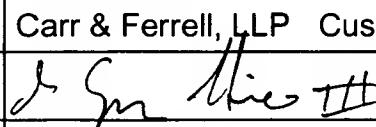
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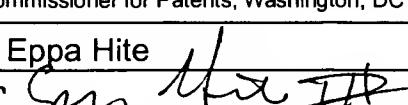
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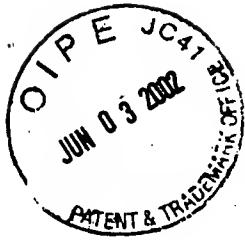
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/554,518
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Dear Lynn:

This letter is to advise you that, due to nonpayment, we are petitioning the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for permission to withdraw from representation in the above-identified case. We expect that this petition will be granted. Therefore, we recommend that you engage alternative counsel to handle the prosecution of this case. Copies of the filed document are enclosed for your records.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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